

American Fencing

1957 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The spacious Milwaukee Arena provided an excellent setting for the Championship Tournament. Post-Olympic year is usually an "off" year for this event but holding it in the Midwest seems to have provided the remedy. There was the largest team entry in history (62) and 255 individual competitors from 22 Divisions, the Armed Forces, Canada and Mexico. Despite the absence of several "names" (Axelrod, Dyer, Goldstein, Kwartler, Lubell, Shurtz, Steinhart and Worth) the finals of all but the foil were exceptionally strong. Janice Lee Romary was the only individual champion to repeat and three of the five 1956 team champions were dethroned.

The recent Hungarian additions to our membership have already improved our game. Not all of them are top caliber, but they all have excellent training, competitive temperament and a sense of distance. Lydia Domolky, Magay, Orley and Sakovitz are very strong; two other Hungarian Olympians, Keresztes and Hamori, unfortunately did not compete; young George Domolky, Orban and Pallaghy are not yet top-level but will surely present a strong challenge in the coming years.

A pleasant addition to the tournament was a group of six of our neighbors from Mexico who entered every one of the team and individual events. Miss Roldan placed third in the individuals and the men won second place in the three-weapon team; in all events they gave a good account of themselves and gained many friends by their conduct.

As usual, the epee drew the largest entry and, in the opinion of many, provided the strongest, best fenced final in history. Richard Berry, now representing the new Salle Schmitter, climaxed his excellent performance in the team events by winning the title in a thrilling fence-off with Richard Pew. Berry's performance in the entire tournament was truly remarkable in this unpredictable weapon: 21-3 in the epee team, 5-1 in the three-weapon team and 15-3 in the individual.

Janice Lee Romary continued to dominate the women's field despite the challenge of Lydia Domolky, 1955 World Champion, who placed second. Special tribute must be paid to that tremendous competitor, Maxine Mitchell, who refused to allow a disabled right arm to curtail her fun. Fencing left-handed and often tripping over her feet she went through to the final and finished sixth—an amazing and unique achievement.



—Photo by J. Waffa

Daniel Bukantz regained the foil crown he had held thrice before. Unfortunately the absence of several of the top ranking fencers marred the competition, but young Anthony Zombolas of Illinois and veteran Conrado Schlaepfer of Switzerland and Mexico were impressive.

The beautifully trained Daniel Magay won the sabre title after a fence-off with defending Champion Tibor Nyilas and Pacific Coast Champion Tomas Orley. It was a truly brilliant final; the tempo of the three medalists lifted the game of the other entries so that it developed into one of the most thrilling we have witnessed. Magay deserved his victory but I believe that Nyilas' superb performance earned him more admiration than when he won the title in past years.

Three new team champions were crowned. The Michigan Division took top honors by winning the epee and three-weapon titles; San Francisco's Hungarians took the sabre cup to the Pacific Coast. The Southern California women's team and the N.Y. Fencers Club fencers retained their women's and men's foil titles respectively.

The electric foil machine was a disappointment. It had been used without difficulty in the Metropolitan New York Championships, but in Milwaukee it was a different story. Unusually hot and humid weather caused excessive perspiration with the result that touches off target failed to register and most of the men felt shocks so that eventually we were compelled to finish the event with the standard foil. I am glad to report that the defects have now been corrected and as an additional safety margin future AFLA events will require the use of storage batteries and forbid the use of the house current.

The organization was excellent. Ed Ziesig and Dave Logan, with the fullest cooperation of the Wisconsin membership, provided every convenience possible. Don G. Thompson took on the headache of Bout Committee Chairman, and thanks to his efforts everything ran smoothly. As usual the Tournament could not have been staged without the cooperation of a great many fencers who acted as officials — J. R. de C.

F.I.E. Congress

Goldstein on F.I.E. Commission

The F.I.E. Congress of May 10 elected Ralph Goldstein as one of the six members of the International Commission on Presidents and Jury.

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Electrical Foil Permanently Adopted

By a vote of 51-19, with 6 abstentions, the F.I.E. Congress has decided on the permanent adoption of the electrical foil for international competitions.

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Status of Physical Education Teachers

Considerable discussion ensued at the F.I.E. Congress as a result of a French proposal to preserve the amateur fencing status of Physical Education teachers who do not coach competitive fencing. The matter was referred for action to the 1958 Congress.

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New F.I.E. Affiliates

With the approval of the affiliation of Singapore, and provisional affiliation for Tunisia and for Rhodesia-Nyasaland pending recognition of the latter's local Olympic Committees by the International Olympic Committee, the total number of countries affiliated with the F.I.E. has reached 59. The number of individual F.I.E. licenses has increased from 16,478 in 1952 to 26,102 in 1956.

1957 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1957 World Championships will be held on September 14 to 28 at the Coubertin Stadium, Porte St. Cloud, Paris, France. All nations who intend to participate have been asked to advise the French Fencing Federation by June 15 and to make their hotel reservations as early as possible.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Electrical Foil Equipment

Milano, 15 May 1957

Dear Sirs:

We have read Mr. Jose de Capriles' Report on the Olympics in the March issue and are astonished that you encounter such problems with the electrical foil, since we have regarded the United States as a leader in the technical field.

We should like to draw your attention to the fact that fencers from all other countries have found no difficulty with the equipment supplied by our firm, which was the inventor of the electrical foil.

CARMIMARI, S.R.L.

Viale Argonne, 1, Milano, Italia.

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Classification Rules

Louisville, May 20, 1957

The new classification rules seem to be an improvement over our past rules and the first draft published in the October issue. The provisions for Group III competitions and for sub-Group III events will be especially helpful to the smaller and weaker divisions. I am still not clear on how you are going to apply the test of approximating the national quarter or semi-finals to divisional events, with respect to Groups II and I. Another question that disturbs me is the variable strength and quality of competitions from one year to another.

John Gehant

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1958 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1958 World Championships have been awarded to the Amateur Fencers League of America, to be held in Philadelphia, U.S.A., August 24 to September 7, 1958. The vote at the F.I.E. meeting of May 10 was 27 in favor of the United States, 9 in favor of Belgium, 5 abstentions. The candidature of the United States was supported by the Soviet Union and its affiliated countries. There were indications that the Soviet Union would bid for the 1959 Championships.

All the electrical registration machines to be used at Philadelphia must be of a type approved by the F.I.E. at least six months before the date of the competition. U.S.-made equipment should be submitted to Mr. Debeur, F.I.E. Commission on the Electrical Apparatus, as soon as possible, at 371 Ave. Couronne, Brussels, Belgium.

Triangular Fencing Masters Event

A triangular tournament for Belgian, British, and Dutch fencing masters at Leamington Spa, resulted in a victory for the Belgian Royal Academy of Arms, with 5 wins; with the Dutch Association of Fencing Masters second over the British Academy by one touch. Vandervoort of Holland scored two victories in foil, as did Piedfer of Belgium in sabre and Delaunois of Belgium in epee. The British victories were scored by Imrigi in sabre and Johns in epee.

A LOOPHOLE IN THE ELECTRICAL FOIL RULES

By Roger F. Jones

Paragraph 27 of the Special Rules for the Electrical Foil provides: "If the electrical apparatus does not function according to the rules, the President must annul the last touch awarded in favor of a fencer each time that it is determined that the signal in question might have registered without the scoring of a hit, or that a hit made by the opponent might not have been correctly registered. (Emphasis added.)"

Now consider the following situation: Fencer A hits fencer B during a phrase. The only light lit on the machine shows that A has scored validly on B. However, upon examination it turns out that the metallic vest connection on A's back is disconnected, so that a good touch made by B cannot possibly be correctly registered. Is B entitled to have A's touch annulled?

Under a literal interpretation of the rules, it seems that A's touch must be annulled. However, it is also clear that such annulment is logically unjustifiable. In the case described, the machine could not register a good touch made by B, but if B had hit at all in time, an invalid hit would have been registered. The absence of the white light, then, shows conclusively that B has not hit anywhere, and therefore B has not been placed at a disadvantage of any kind. The rules should be modified to cover this point.

START PLANNING NOW.
PHILADELPHIA IN '58 FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

... EPEE ...

(70 competitors)

Won by: Richard Berry, Salle Schmitter, Michigan

Second: Richard W. Pew, Miami Valley

Third: Josef Sakovitz, Faulkner School of Fencing

Popular Dick Berry, who tied for first in the 1953 epee championship and finished third in the fence-off, again tied for first this year with Dick Pew, 4th in the 1956 Olympics, but this time carried off the gold medal by a 5-4 score. Berry had lost to Pew, 5-2, in the regular final, but Pew had been defeated by defending champion Abram Cohen, so that a fence-off was necessary. The fence-off was fast and furious, with both men taking all-out gambles on every touch. Berry scored first, and touches alternated to 3-all; then Pew went ahead at 4-3, but Berry came back to score twice in rapid succession to win the championship.

In third place was former world champion, Josef Sakovitz, whose only losses in the final were to Berry and Pew. Sakovitz's fencing was somewhat erratic, for there were times when it seemed impossible that any other contestant could overcome his excellent style and choice of time; yet he was forced into a fence-off to make the semifinals.

The final was one of the finest epee competitions in United States history, without a single weak spot in the 9-man field.



RICHARD BERRY

EPEE INDIVIDUAL SUMMARIES

Preliminaries

Byes: Cohen, N.Y., Wolff, Ky., Berry, Mich., Pew, Miami Valley, Sakovitz, So. Cal.; Bickley, N. J.

Pool 1. (1) Calkins, Mich., 4-0; (2) L. Thompson, Am. F., 3-1; (3) Roldan, Mexico, 1-3, 2-0 on fence-off; (4) Romary, S. Cal., 1-3; (5) Moore, Wis., 1-3; (6) Broderick, Conn., wd. after 1 bout.

Pool 2. (1) Schlaepfer, Mexico, 4-1; (2) Schlick, Md., 3-2, 1-1 on f.o., 22 t.; (3) Burge, Ky., 3-2, 1-1, 26 t.; (4) Logan, Wis., 3-2, 1-1, 28 t.; (5) Flynn, N.J., 1-4, 20 t.; (6) D.S. Thompson, No. O. 1-4, 21t.

Pool 3. (1) Plouffe, W.N.Y., 5-0; (2) Anastasi, Phila., 5-1; (3) Linkmeyer, So. Cal., 4-2; (4) Daniels, Am. F., 2-4, 21 t.; (5) Fa'ardo, Mexico, 2-4, 24 t.; (6) Mooney, Md., 1-4; (7) Dinsmore, Mich., 1-5.

Pool 4. (1) Pinter, No. O., 5-0; (2) Martinez, Mich., 3-2, 16 t.; (3) Stoll, Am. F., 3-2, 18 t.; (4) Barden, S. Cal., 2-3, 21 t.; (5) Dickerson, Md., 2-3, 23 t.; (6) Clavier, Ill., 0-5.

Pool 5. (1) McDaniel, Border, 5-0; (2) Metzger, C. Ill., 4-0; (3) Royser, So. Cal., 3-2; (4) Kunzmann, Mich., 2-4, 25/20; (5) Hol'and, Am. F., 2-4, 25/18 and Hampe, Ill., 2-4, 25/8; (7) Mijer, N.Y., 1-5.

Pool 6. (1) Vebell, N.Y., 4-1; (2) Gilman, Wis., 3-2, 2-0 on f.o.; (3) Doughty, Md., 3-2, 1-1; (4) Thomas, Ky., 3-2, 0-2; (5) Stentman, C. Ill., 2-3; (6) Duncan, S. Cal., 1-4.

Pool 7. (1) D.G. Thompson, Ill., 4-1, 10 t.; (2) Gibbs, Iowa, 4-1, 17 t.; (3) Pinchuk, Mich., 3-2; (4) Crawford, S. Cal., 2-3; (5) Meyer, Wis., 1-4, 22 t.; (6) James, No. O., 1-4, 25 t.

Pool 8. (1) Musichuk, No. O., 5-0; (2) Conomikes, Wash., 4-1; (3) Zeisig, Wis., 4-2; (4) DeJong, So. Cal., 3-3; (5) DeFoe, Minn., 2-4; (6) Schmitter, Mich., 1-5, 29/19; (7) Johnson, N. Eng., 1-5, 29/17.

Pool 9. (1) Styler, No. O., 3-1, 14 t.; (2) Mortenson, Wis., 4-1, 15 t.; (3) Fain, Ill., 3-1; (4) Brown, Minn., 1-3; (5) Jacobs, W.N.Y., 1-4, 22 t.; (6) Silverstone, Canada, 1-4, 23 t.

Pool 10. (1) Margolis, N.Y., 5-0; (2) Fred, No. O., 4-1; (3) Silverman, Ill., 3-3, won f.o.; (4) Lambeck, Wis., 3-3; (5) Brownlee, Am. F., 2-4, 27 t.; (6) Davis, Mich., 2-4, 28 t.; (7) Jones, Phila., 1-5.

Quarter Finals

Pool 1. (1) Plouffe, 4-1; (2) Pinter, 3-2, 1-0 on f.o. 12 t.; (3) Cohen, 3-2, 1-0 on f.o., 18 t.; (4) Mortenson, 3-2, 0-2 on f.o.; (5) Burge, 1-3; (6) Pinchuk, 0-4.

Pool II. (1) Linkmeyer, 3-1, 14/19; (2) Schlick, 3-1, 14/17; (3) Wolff, 2-3, 2-1 on f.o., 25 t.; (4) Fried, 2-3, 2-1, 32 t.; (5) McDaniel, 2-3, 1-2, 35 t.; (6) Calkins, 2-3, 1-2, 36 t.

Pool III. (1) Vebell, 3-0; (2) Bickley, 3-1; (3) Martinez, 3-1; (4) Silverman, 1-3, 18 t.; (5) Styler, 1-3, 19 t.; (6) Royser, 0-3.

Pool IV. (1) Pew, 4-1, 13 t.; (2) Roldan, 4-1, 16 t.; (3) Musichuk, 3-2; (4) Metzger, 2-3; (5) Gibbs, 1-4, 20 t.; (6) Gilman, 1-4, 25 t.

Pool V. (1) D.G. Thompson, 4-1; (2) Conomikes, 3-2, 15 t.; (3) Berry, 3-2, 19 t.; (4) Schlaepfer, 2-3; (5) Doughty, 1-3, 17 t.; (6) Stoll, 1-3, 19t.

Pool VI. (1) Margolis, 4-1, 11 t.; (2) Anastasi, 4-1, 19 t.; (3) Sakovitz, 3-2, won f.o.; (4) Zeisig, 3-2; (5) Fain and L. Thompson, 0-3.

Semi-Finals

Pool A. (1) Sakovitz, 4-1, 10 t.; (2) Conomikes, 4-1, 16 t.; (3) Vebell, 3-2, won f.o.; (4) Musichuk, 3-2; (5) Schlick, 1-4; (6) Plouffe, 0-5.

Pool B. (1) Margolis, 4-1; (2) Wolff, 3-2, 1-0 on f.o., 18 t.; (3) Martinez, 3-2, 1-0 on f.o., 21 t.; (4) Roldan, 3-2, 0-2, on f.o.; (5) Pinter, 1-4, 22 t.; (6) Thompson, 1-4, 25 t.

Pool C. (1) Berry, 5-0; (2) Pew, 4-1; (3) Cohen, 2-3, won f.o.; (4) Bickley, 2-3; (5) Anastasi, 1-4, 20 t.; (6) Linkmeyer, 1-4, 22 t.

Fence-off for 10th place: Roldan, 2-0; Musichuk, 1-1; Bickley, 0-2.

Finals

(1) Richard Berry, Salle Schmitter, 7-1 (defeated Pew on fence-off, 5-4); (2) Richard Pew, Miami Valley, 7-1; (3) Joseph Sakovitz, Faulkner S.F., 6-2; (4) Edward Vebell, Fencers Club, 4-4; (5) Peter Conomikes, Washington F.C., 3-5, 33 t.; (6) Abram Cohen, Fencers Club, 3-5, 35 t.; (7) James Margolis, Columbia Univ., 2-6, 33 t.; (8) Raul Martinez, Salle de Tuscan, 2-6, 34 t.; (9) Albert Wolff, Kentucky, 2-6, 38 t.

WOMEN'S

(61 Competitors)

Won by: Janice Lee Romary, Southern California

Second: Lidia Domolky, Faulkner School of Fencing

Third: Pilar Roldan, Mexico.

Mrs. Janice Lee Romary retained the women's title in convincing fashion by defeating her most formidable rival, former world champion Lidia Domolky, 4-1, in the last bout of the final. Left-handed Miss Domolky had bested Mrs. Romary in the team event and in an unimportant semifinal bout, but had lost to Mrs. Louise Dyer of Salle Csiszar, 4-3, in the final and needed a victory over Mrs. Romary to earn a tie for first place. Mrs. Romary, however, was in full command throughout the crucial bout and ended matters with a magnificent parry of counter-sixth and coupe-disengage riposte.



JANICE LEE ROMARY

In third place was 17-year-old Pilar Roldan of Mexico, who was a finalist in this event last year and shows promise of becoming one of the top-ranking women fencers of the world when she develops greater authority in her parry-riposte. Miss Roldan earned the bronze medal on touches over Mrs. Dyer. The four top finalists exhibited a brand of fencing that left little to be desired by any standards.

Sentimental favorite was Mrs. Maxine Mitchell, who as a right-handed contestant had placed 6th at the Helsinki Olympic Games and won several national titles. Suffering from a tennis elbow since the Melbourne Games, Mrs. Mitchell started to fence left-handed four months before the 1957 nationals and placed sixth on touches behind Miss Anne Drungis.

The entire women's individual event was conducted with the regular weapon. In view of the unsatisfactory experience in the men's foil final, the original plan to fence the finals with the electric foil was abandoned.

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL SUMMARIES

Preliminaries

Byes: Romary, So. Cal.; Mitchell, So. Cal.; Funke, N.Y.

Pool 1. (1) Brewster, New Eng., 3-0; (2) Ghimesy, Ill., 3-0; (3) Drungis, 2-2; (4) Schoolman, N. Eng., 1-3; (5) Byrom, Ky., 0-4.

Pool 2. (1) Dyer, Phila., 4-0; (2) Witte, St. Louis, 3-1; (3) Hoblit, Co. Cal., 2-2; (4) Richmond, W.N.Y., 1-3; (5) Carlin, Wis., 0-4.

Pool 3. (1) Balint, N.Y., 3-0, 2 t.; (2) Steigerwald, No.O., 3-0, 4 t.; (3) Kanter, N.Cal., 3-0, 5 t.; (4) Ichiyasu, S.Cal., 2-3; (5) Stanley, C.Ill., 1-4; (6) Schmidt, Wis., 0-5.

Pool 4. (1) Santelli, NY, 4-0; (2) Miyamoto, S. Cal., 3-1; (3) Salton, Ky., 2-2; (4) Breton, WNY, 1-3; (5) Smetana, N.Eng., 0-4.

Pool 5. (1) Genton, N.Y., 4-0; (2) Domolky, S. Cal., 3-1; (3) Kenney, N.Eng., 1-3, 2-0 on fence-off; (4) Beardsley, Mich., 1-3, 1-1 on f.o.; (5) Trembley, St.Louis, 1-3, 0-2 on f.o.

Pool 6. (1) Pilar Roldan, Mexico, 3-1, 4 t.; (2) Merwin, S.Cal., 3-1, 8 t.; (3) King, NY, 3-1, 9 t.; (4) Junquist, Minn., 1-3; (5) Droll, St.Louis, 0-4.

Pool 7. (1) Greenwald, NY, 4-0; (2) Gerakin, S. Cal., 3-1; (3) Orozco, Mexico, 2-2; (4) Appel, Ill., 1-3; (5) Campbell, Minn., 0-4.

Pool 8. (1) Bond, Wis., 4-0; (2) Ulrickson, N.J., 3-1; (3) Lourdes Roldan, Mexico, 2-2; (4) Maviglia, N.Y., 1-3; (5) Mori, S.Cal., 0-4.

Pool 9. (1) Schoek, NY, 4-0, 4 t.; (2) Thompson III., 4-0, 5 t.; (3) Lasley, Minn., 2-3, won f.o.; (4) Horwath, 2-3; (5) Trout, Ky., 1-4, 18 t.; (6) Stein, Mich., 1-4, 19 t.

Pool 10. (1) Brill, W.N.Y., 4-0; (2) Hille, Wis., 3-0; (3) Schwabe, N.Y., 3-1; (4) Neil, N.Y., 0-3, 12/6; (5) Eltgroth, Ill., 0-3, 12/5; (6) Robinson, C.Ill., 0-3, 12/0.

Pool 11. (1) Angell, N.Cal., 4-0; (2) Parker, N.Y., 2-2, 10 t.; (3) Krell, NY, 2-2, 13 t.; (4) McClellan, Wis., 1-3, 12 t.; (5) Johnston, Ky., 1-3, 15 t.

Quarter Finals

Pool I. (1) Romary, 4-0; (2) Schoek, 4-1; (3) Ghimesy, 3-1; (4) Gerakin, 2-3; (5) Kanter, 1-4; (6) Slaton, 0-5.

Pool II. (1) Mitchell, 4-0; (2) Merwin, 4-1; (3) Drungis, 3-2; (4) Brill, 1-3; (5) King, 1-4, 16 t.; (6) Bond, 1-4, 18 t.

Pool III. (1) Angell, 4-0; (2) Hoblit, 4-1; (3) Greenwald, 3-2; (4) Schwabe, 1-3, 14 t.; (5) Kenney, 1-3, 16 t.; (6) Funke, 0-4.

Pool IV. (1) Domolky, 4-1, 8 t.; (2) P. Roldan, 4-1, 9 t.; (3) Hille, 3-2; (4) Brewster, 2-3, 16 t.; (5) Parker, 2-3, 18 t.; (6) Lasley, 0-5.

Pool V. (1) Dyer, 4-0; (2) Miyamoto, 4-0; (3) Ulrickson, 3-2 (4) Orozco, 1-3; (5) Genton, 1-4, (6) Steigerwald, 0-4.

Pool VI. (1) Balint, 4-1, 9 t.; (2) Thompson 4-1, 13 t.; (3) L. Roldan, 3-2, won f.o.; (4) Santelli, 3-2; (5) Witte, 0-4, 16/7; (6) Krell, 0-4, 16/1.

Semi-Finals

Pool A. (1) Romary, 4-1, 6 t.; (2) Domolky, 4-1, 10 t.; (3) Drungis, 3-2, won f.o.; (4) Schoek, 3-2; (5) Thompson, 0-4, 16/6; (6) Ulrickson, 0-4, 16/0.

Pool B. (1) Dyer, 3-2, 2-0 on f.o.; (2) Mitchell, 3-2, 1-1, 14 t.; (3) P. Roldan, 3-2, 1-2, 16 t.; (4) Greenwald, 3-2, 1-2, 22 t.; (5) Hille, 2-3; (6) Merwin, 1-4.

Pool C. (1) Balint, 4-1, 7 t.; Angell, 4-1, 13 t.; (3) Hoblit, 3-2; (4) Miyamoto, 2-3; (5) Ghimesy, 1-3; (6) L. Roldan, 0-4.

Final

(1) Janice Lee Romary, So. Cal., 7-0; (2) Lidia Domolky, Faulkner S.F., 6-2; (3) Pilar Roldan, Mexico, 5-3, 21 t.; (4) Louise Dyer, Salle Csiszar, 5-3, 23 t.; (5) Anne Drungis, Salle Santelli, 4-4, 23 t.; (6) Maxine Mitchell, L.A.A.C., 4-4, 25 t.; (7) Ida Balint, Fencers Club, 2-6, 24 t.; (8) Tommy Angell, Halberstadt SF, 2-6, 30 t.; (9) Iris Hoblit, So. Cal., 0-8.

Criterion for Fencers Under 21

The competitions for fencers under 21 held in Warsaw this year were won as follows: Woman, Rejto of Hungary; foil, Fulop of Hungary; epee, Worciechowski of Poland; sabre, Chicca of Italy.

(68 competitors)

Won by: Dr. Daniel Bukantz, Fencers Club (New York)

Second: Harold Goldsmith, Fencers Club (New York)

Third: Byron Krieger, Salle de Tuscan, Detroit.

Dr. Daniel Bukantz, national foil champion in 1949, 1952 and 1953, regained the title left vacant by Sewall Shurtz, as the three competing members of the 1956 U.S. Olympic foil team swept the medals. The decisive bout between Bukantz and Harold Goldsmith was fenced early in the finals, which were greatly delayed by breakdowns in the electrical equipment. A tie seemed eminent toward the end of the competition, as Anthony Zombolas, of Illinois, squeezed out a victory over Bukantz (the latter's only defeat); but in one of the closing bouts, fenced with the regular weapon as the officials finally gave up, Conrado Schlaepfer of Mexico outscored Goldsmith in one of the few brilliant contests of the event.



DR. DANIEL BUKANTZ

Byron Krieger, veteran finalist and international competitor, fenced steadily throughout, and richly deserved his first national individual medal.

Lack of familiarity with the electrical weapon undoubtedly affected several finalists unfavorably, so that in contrast with the other individual finals this event appeared to be below par in the quality of the fencing.

FOIL INDIVIDUAL SUMMARIES

Preliminaries

Byes: Bukantz, N.Y.; Krieger, Mich.; Goldsmith, N.Y.; Pinchuck, Mich.; Schankin, C.Ill.; Sakovitz, So.Cal.; Berry, Mich.; Pew, Miami Valley.

Pool 1. (1) Schlaepfer, Mexico, 4-1, 8 t.; (2) Brownlee, ArmF., 4-1, 14/24; (3) Kirschner, So. Cal., 14/22; (4) Fain, Ill., 2-3; (5) Trebilcock, N. Eng., 1-4; (6) Moll, Md., 0-5.

Pool 2. (1) Fajardo, Mexico, 4-1, 13 t.; (2) Prostick, N.Y., 4-1, 14 t.; (3) Silverman, Ill., 3-2; (4) Gilman, Wis., 2-3, 19 t.; (5) Boyce, N.Y., 2-3, 20 t.; (6) Dickerson, Md., 0-5.

Pool 3. (1) Seeman, N.Y., 5-0; (2) Elder, Wash., 4-1; (3) Frank, Ill., 3-2; (4) Meyer, Wis., 2-3; (5) Davis, Mich., 1-4; (6) Brodrick, Conn., 0-5.

Pool 4. (1) Freiheit, Mich., 5-0; (2) Crawford, So.Cal., 3-2, 15 t.; (3) Abele, Ill., 3-2, 20 t.; (4) Anastasi, Phila., 3-2; withdrew from fence-off; (5) McClellan, Wis., 1-4; (6) Jacobs, W.N.Y., 0-5.

Pool 5. (1) Lampl, So.Cal., 4-0, 9 t.; (2) Reyes, NY, 4-0, 11 t.; (3) Tafaya, Am.F., 3-2; (4) Silverstone, Canada, 2-3; (5) Podlesak, Ill., 0-4, 20/11; (6) Johnson, N.Eng., 0-4, 20/9.

Pool 6. (1) D'Ambola, N.J., 5-0; (2) Gradkowski, N.Y., 3-2; (3) Shapiro, Ill., 2-3, 2-0 on f.o.; (4) DeFoe, Minn., 2-3, 0-1 on f.o.; (5) Burge, Ky., 2-3, 0-1 on f.o.; (6) Sentmann, C.Ill., 1-4.

Pool 7. (1) Sully, N.J., 4-1, 14 t.; (2) Romary, 4-1, 18 t.; (3) Joel, Wis., 3-2; (4) Trembley, St. Louis, 2-3, 19 t.; (5) D. Thompson, Ill., 2-3, 21 t.; (6) Heald, Am.F., 0-5.

Pool 8. (1) Zombolas, Ill., 4-1, 12 t.; (2) Milletari, N.Y., 4-1, 14 t.; (3) Schlick, Md., 3-2, won f.o.; (4) Byrom, Ky., 3-2; (5) Mortier, Wis., 1-4; (6) Kunzmann, Mich., 0-5.

Pool 9. (1) Bodner, Wis., 4-0; (2) Brodith, NY, 4-1; (3) Duncan, So.Cal., 3-2; (4) Gneiwc, Mich., 2-3; (5) Ploufee, WNY, 1-4; (6) Kostic, Ky., 0-4.

Pool 10. (1) Zeisig, Wis., 5-0; (2) Mooney, Am. F., 3-2, 14/22; (3) DeJong, So.Cal., 3-2, 14/21; (4) Messmer, Minn., 2-3, 19 t.; (5) Buzzelli, W.N.Y., 2-3, 22 t.; (6) Harding, Ore., 0-5.

Quarter Finals

Pool I. (1) Bukantz, 4-0, 8 t.; (2) Freiheit, 4-0, 9 t.; (3) DeJong, 3-2; (4) Silverman, 1-3, 16 t.; (5) Tafaya, 1-3, 18 t.; (6) Bodner, 0-4.

Pool II. (1) Krieger, 5-0; (2) Zombolas, 4-1; (3) Sully, 3-2; (4) Gradkowski, 2-3; (5) Schlick, 0-4, 20/11; (6) Duncan, 0-4, 20/9.

Pool III. (1) Schlaepfer, 5-0; (2) Goldsmith, 4-1; (3) Romary, 3-2; (4) Zeisig, 1-4, 23/18; (5) Elder, 1-4, 23/14; (6) Abele, 1-4, 23/11.

Pool IV. (1) Reyes, 4-1, 16/24; (2) d'Ambola, 4-1, 16/21; (3) Pinchuck, 3-2; (4) Milletari, 2-3; (5) Frank, 1-3; (6) Kirschner, 0-4.

Pool V. (1) Joel, 3-1, 11 t.; (2) Fajardo, 3-1, 14 t.; (3) Schankin, 3-1, 16; (4) Seeman, 2-3, (5) Crawford, 1-3; (6) Mooney, 1-4.

Pool IV. (1) Lampl, 4-1; (2) Prostick, 3-2, 17 t.; (3) Shapiro, 3-2, 18 t.; (4) Brownlee, 2-3; (5) Brodith, 1-3, 17 t.; (6) Pew, 1-3, 19t.

Semi-Finals

Pool A. (1) Bukantz, 4-0; (2) Pinchuck, 4-1; (3) Zombolas, 3-2; (4) Romary, 1-3, 19/13; (5) Prostick, 1-3, 19/10; (6) Joel, 4-0.

Pool B. (1) Schlaepfer, 3-0; (2) Krieger, 3-1; (3) Schankin, 3-1; (4) Shapiro, 1-3, 16 t.; (5) d'Ambola, 1-3, 19 t.; (6) DeJong, 0-3.

Pool C. (1) Lampl, 4-0; (2) Goldsmith, 3-0; (3) Fajardo, 3-2; (4) Freiheit, 1-3, 16 t.; (5) Reyes, 1-3, 18 t.; (6) Sully, 0-4.

Final

(1) Dr. Daniel Bukantz, Fencers Club, 7-1; (2) Harold Goldsmith, Fencers Club, 6-2; (3) Byron Krieger, Salle de Tuscan, 5-3, 27 t.; (4) Anthony Zombolas, Illinois, 5-3, 29 t.; (5) Conrado Schlaepfer, Mexico, 4-4; (6) William Fajardo, Mexico, 3-5; (7) Arthur Schankin, Central Ill., 2-6, 34/29; (8) Rene Pinchuck, Michigan, 2-6, 34/28; (9) Josef Lampl, Los Angeles A.C., 2-6, 34/22.

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Won by: Daniel Magay, Northern California Division**Second: Dr. Tibor Nyilas, N.Y.A.C.****Third: Tomas Orley, Northern California Division**

Daniel Magay, member of Hungary's 1956 Olympic champion sabre team now residing in San Francisco, defeated the defending champion, Dr. Tibor Nyilas, 5-3, in the decisive bout of the fence-off for the 1957 title, to cap the climax of probably the most brilliant sabre competition ever held in the United States. Magay lost only one bout in the entire event, and that to Dr. Nyilas in the regular final, by a 5-2 score. After reaching the highest peak of virtuosity in that bout, however, Dr. Nyilas had a momentary lapse in his penultimate bout against another Hungarian star, Tomas Orley, and lost 5-4, to finish in a triple tie for first place. The performance of Magay and Orley, both excellently trained young men, augurs the beginning of a new era in sabre fencing in this country.

**DANIEL MAGAY**

Nyilas' tremendous effort—perhaps his best in nearly 20 years of U.S. competition—overshadowed the extraordinary achievement of Norman Armitage in taking 4th place. The indomitable 50-year-old veteran, smarting from his elimination from the final last year, left no doubt that he still ranks with the best in stamina, in technique, and in generalship.

SABRE INDIVIDUAL SUMMARIES**Preliminaries**

Byes: Nyilas, N.Y.; Blum, N.Y.; Farber, N.Y.; Richards, N. Eng.

Pool 1. (1) **Campoli**, Mich., 4-1, 9 t.; (2) **Spector**, N.Y., 4-1, 12 t.; (3) **Meyer**, Wis., 4-1, 19 5.; (4) **Michaelson**, Wash., 2-3; (5) **Tafoya**, Arm. F., 1-4; (6) **Hensley**, Ky., 0-5.

Pool 2. (1) **Armitage**, N.Y., 5-0; (2) **Pallaghy**, N.Y., 3-2, 1-0 on f.o.; (3) **Freiheit**, Mich., 3-2, 1-0 on f.o.; (4) **Duncan**, S. Cal., 3-2, 0-2; (5) **Buzzelli**, W.N.Y., 0-4, 20/13; (6) **Moore**, Wis., 0-4, 20/8.

Pool 3. (1) **Magay**, No. Cal., 5-0; (2) **Silverman**, Ill., 3-2; (3) **Thomas**, Mich., 2-3, 2-0 on f.o.; (4) **Romary**, 2-3, 0-1, 24 t.; (5) **Kadota**, C.I., 2-3, 0-1, 27 t.; (6) **Shore**, N.Y., 1-4.

Pool 4. (1) **Pongo**, N.Y., 5-0; (2) **Schankin**, C. Ill., 5-0; (3) **Rayser**, So. Cal., 3-2; (4) **Venegas**, Ill., 2-4, 24 t.; (5) **Holmes**, Wis., 2-4, 25 t.; (6) **Burge**, Ky., 2-4, 28 t.; (7) **Moll**, Md., 1-5.

Pool 5. (1) **Orley**, No. Cal., 5-1; (2) **Goering**, Mich., 4-2, 1-0 on f.o.; (3) **Orban**, S. Cal., 4-2, 1-0 on f.o.; (4) **Ahlgren**, Ill., 4-2, 0-2; (5) **Tolan**, Wis., 3-3; (6) **DeFoe**, Minn., 1-5, 29/19; (7) **McDaniel**, Border, 1-5, 29/17.

Pool 6. (1) **Brownlee**, Arm. F., 5-1; (2) **MacLaughlin**, N.Y., 4-2, 15 t.; (3) **Domolky**, N. Cal., 4-2, 21 t.; (4) **Lamp**, S. Cal., 3-3; (5) **Shapiro**, Ill., 2-3; (6) **Byrom**, Ky., 2-4; (7) **Logan**, Wis., 0-5.

Pool 7. (1) **Kirschner**, So. Cal., 4-1; (2) **Tykodi**, Ill., 4-1; (3) **Fajardo**, Mexico, 3-2, won f.o.; (4) **Messmer**, Minn., 3-2; (5) **Plouffe**, W.N.Y., 1-4; (6) **Grella**, N. J., 0-5.

Pool 8. (1) **Cetrulo**, N.J., 5-1; (2) **Milletari**, N.Y., 5-1; (3) **Crawford**, S. Calif., 4-2; (4) **Elder**, Wash., 3-3; (5) **Kunzmann**, Mich., 2-4; (6) **Havens**, Ill., 1-5; (7) **Chitko**, Wis., 1-5.

Semi-Finals

Pool 1. (1) **Magay**, 5-0; (2) **Nyilas**, 5-0; (3) **Spector**, 3-3, 2-0 on fence-off; (4) **Kirschner**, 3-3, 0-1; (5) **Fajardo**, 3-3, 0-1; (6) **Meyer**, 1-5; (7) **Thomas**, 0-6.

Pool II. (1) **Pongo**, 5-1; (2) **Domolky**, 4-2; (3) **Cetrulo**, 4-2; (4) **Blum**, 3-3; (5) **Freiheit**, 2-3; (6) **Silverman**, 1-3; (7) **Crawford**, 1-4.

Pool III. (1) **Armitage**, 5-1; (2) **Pallaghy**, 5-1; (3) **Farber**, 4-2, won fence-off; (4) **Schankin**, 4-2; (5) **Orban**, 2-4; (6) **Goering**, 1-5; (7) **Brownlee**, 0-6.

Pool IV. (1) **Orley**, 6-0; (2) **Campoli**, 4-2; (3) **Rayser**, 3-3, 1-1 on fence-off, 30/30; (4) **Richards**, 3-3, 1-1, 30/28; (5) **Milletari**, 3-3, 1-1, 31 t.; (6) **Tykodi**, 2-4; (7) **MacLaughlin**, 0-6.

Finals

(1) **Daniel Magay**, Northern California, 10-1 (defeated Orley 5-4 and Nyilas 5-3 on fence-off); (2) **Tibor Nyilas**, New York A.C., 10-1 (defeated Orley 5-4 on fence-off); (3) **Tomas Orley**, Northern California, 10-1; (4) **Norman C. Armitage**, Fencers Club, 7-4; (5) **Dean Cetrulo**, Salle Santelli, 5-6, 44 t.; (6) **Lazlo Pongo**, New York A.C., 5-6, 45 t.; (7) **Walter Farber**, New York, 4-7, 49/41; (8) **Fred Rayser**, Los Angeles A.C., 4-7, 49/31; (9) **George Domolky**, Faulkner, 4-7, 50 t.; (10) **Herbert Spector**, Salle Santelli, 3-8, 45 t.; (11) **Czabo Pallaghy**, Salle Santelli, 3-8, 50 t.; (12) **James Campoli**, Michigan, 1-10.

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Top, left to right: Sakovitz vs. Berry; Berry's winning touch against Pew; Dick Pew; Josef Sakovitz. Bottom, left to right: Bukantz vs. Plouffe; Bukantz directing; Mitchell and Giolito; unidentified.

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TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

EPEE . . .

(15 teams)

Won by: Michigan Division (R. Berry, B. Calkins, R. Martinez, R. Pinchuk)

Second: Fencers Club (A. Cohen, J. de Capriles, H. Goldsmith, E. Vebell)

Third: Northern Ohio Division (H. Fried, A. Musichuk, R. Pinter)

By the margin of a single bout, the Michigan Division team won the national epee team championship over the Fencers Club and the Northern Ohio Division, after these three teams had beaten one another by 5-4 scores in the final. The margin of victory was Michigan's 8-1 triumph over the defending champions from the Salle Csiszar, who lost 7-2 to the Fencers Club and 5-4 to Northern Ohio.

The favored Fencers Club team seemed to be on its way to an easy victory in the first match of the final, when suddenly Howard Fried and his Northern Ohio teammates caught fire to win 5-4. The New Yorkers then turned turned back Michigan 5-4, on the strength of Abram Cohen's clean sweep, and thus the first three places hinged on the result of the Michigan-Northern Ohio match. Michigan went ahead 3-0, then Northern Ohio took the next two and seemed about to tie the score as Berry trailed 4-1 in the sixth bout; but Berry pulled it out at 5-4, to give his team a 4-2 lead. Northern Ohio came back to tie at 4-all, and the final bout pitted Berry against Fried. Berry was ahead at 4-3 when a double touch settled the issue.

The epee team was the hardest fought of the several events. The competition finished at 1.15 a.m.

EPEE TEAM SUMMARIES

Preliminaries

Pool 1. Fencers Club and Salle Csiszar qualified, 2 v. each. **Fencers Club** (Goldsmith 3-0, Vebell, Cohen 3-0) defeated Letterman Army Hospital (L. Thompson, Brownlee, Tafaya), 9-0; **Fencers**

Club (Cohen 3-0, Vebell 1-1, de Capriles 1-1) defeated Woodland F.C. (Styles 1-2, James 1-1, D.S. Thompson 0-2), 5-2. **Salle Csiszar** (Anastasi 3-0, F. Jones 1-2, R. Jones 1-2) defeated Woodland F.C. (Styles 2-1, James 2-1, D.S. Thompson 0-3), 5-4; **Salle Csiszar** (Anastasi 3-0, R. Jones 2-0, F. Jones 0-2) defeated Letterman A.H. (Tafaya 1-1, L. Thompson 1-2, Brownlee 0-2), 5-2.

Pool 2. Faulkner Composite and University of Chicago F.C. qualified, 2 v. 1 d. each. **Faulkner Composite** (Sakovitz 3-0, Duncan 2-1, Crawford 1-2) defeated Army Pentathlon (Daniels 2-1, Holland 1-2, Stoll 0-3), 6-3; **Faulkner** (Sakovitz 3-0, Crawford 2-0, Duncan 0-2) defeated Salle Santelli (Broderick 1-2, MacLaughlin 1-2, Mijer 0-2), 5-2. **University of Chicago F.C.** (Fain 2-1, D.G. Thompson 2-1, Corbett 1-2) defeated Faulkner Comp. (Sakovitz 3-0, Crawford 1-2, Duncan 0-3), 5-4; **U. of Chicago F.C.** (D.G. Thompson 2-0, Fain 2-0, Corbett 1-1) defeated Army Pentathlon (Holland 1-1, Stoll 0-2, Daniels 0-2), 5-1. **Army Pentathlon** (Daniels 3-0, Holland 2-1, Stoll 1-2) defeated Salle Santelli (Mac Laughlin 2-1, Broderick 1-2, Mijer 0-3). **Salle Santelli** (Broderick 2-1, MacLaughlin 2-1, Mijer 1-2) defeated U. of Chicago F.C. (D.G. Thompson 3-0, Fain 1-2, Corbett 0-3), 5-4.

Pool 3. Michigan Division and Kentucky Division qualified, 2 v. each. **Michigan** (Berry 3-0, Calkins 2-1, Pinchuk 2-1) defeated Maryland (Mooney, 2-1, Doughty 0-3, Schlick 0-3), 7-2; **Michigan** (Martinez 2-1, Berry 2-1, Pinchuk 1-2) defeated Los Angeles A.C. (DeJong 2-1, Barden 1-2, Linkmeyer 1-2), 5-4. **Kentucky** (Wolff 3-0, Thomas 2-0, Burge 0-3) defeated L.A.A.C. (Linkmeyer 2-1, Burge 1-2) defeated Maryland (Mooney 2-1, Doughty 1-2, Schlick 1-2), 5-4.

Pool 4. Mexico and Northern Ohio qualified, 1 v. each. **Mexico** (Schlaepfer 3-0, Fajardo 2-1, Roldan 2-1) defeated Wisconsin (Gilman 2-1, Meyer 0-3, Zeisig 0-3), 7-2; **Northern Ohio** (Musichuk 2-1, Pinter 2-1, Fried 1-2) defeated Wisconsin (Zeisig 3-0, Gilman 1-2, Meyer 0-3), 5-4.

Semi-Finals

Pool 1. Fencers Club, 3 v., and Salle Csiszar, 2 v., qualified. **Fencers Club** (Vebell 3-0, Goldsmith 1-2, Cohen 1-2) defeated Csiszar (Anastasi 2-1, R. Jones 2-1, F. Jones 0-3), 5-4; **Fencers Club** (Cohen 3-0, Vebell 2-1, Goldsmith 2-1) defeated U. of Chicago F.C. (Fain 1-2, Thompson

1-2, Corbett 0-3), 7-2; **Fencers Club** (de Capriles 2-1, Vebell 2-1, Cohen 1-2) defeated Mexico (Roldan 2-1, Fajardo 1-2, Schlaepfer 1-2), 5-4. **Salle Csiszar** (R. Jones 3-0, Anastasi 3-0, F. Jones 1-2) defeated Mexico (Roldan 1-2, Schlaepfer 1-2, Fajardo 0-3), 7-2; **Csiszar** (Anastasi 3-0, R. Jones 2-0, F. Jones 0-2) defeated U. of Chicago F.C. (Corbett 1-2, Thompson 1-1, Fain 0-2), 5-2. **Mexico** (Roldan 2-1, Fajardo 2-1, Schlaepfer 2-1) defeated U. of Chicago F.C. (Thompson 2-1, Fain 1-2, Corbett 0-3), 6-3.

Pool II. Michigan Div., 3 v., and Northern Ohio, 2 v., qualified. **Michigan** (Martinez 2-1, Berry 2-1, Pinchuk 1-2) defeated Kentucky (Wolff 2-1, Thomas 2-1, Burge 0-3), 5-4; **Michigan** (Berry 3-0, Martinez 2-1, Calkins 1-2) defeated No. Ohio (Musichuk 1-2, Pinter 1-2, Fried 1-2), -3; **Michigan** (Calkins 3-0, Berry 3-0, Martinez 3-0) defeated Faulkner Composite (Sakovitz, Crawford, Duncan), 9-0. **Northern Ohio** (Musichuk 2-1, Fried 2-1, Pinter 1-2) defeated Kentucky (Wolff 2-1, Thomas 2-1, Byron 0-3), 5-4; **No. Ohio** (Musichuk 2-1, Pinter 2-1, Fried 1-2) defeated Faulkner Composite (Crawford 2-1, Sakovitz 1-2, Duncan 1-2), 5-4. **Faulkner Composite** (Duncan 3-0, Sakovitz 2-1, Crawford 1-2) defeated Kentucky (Wolff 2-1, Thomas 1-2, Burge 1-2, Byron 0-1), 6-3.

Finals

(1) Michigan Division, 2 v., 1 d., 17 bouts won. Michigan (Martinez 3-0, Berry 3-0, Calkins 2-1) defeated Salle Csiszar (Anastasi 1-2, F. Jones 0-3, R. Jones 0-3), 8-1; Michigan (Berry 3-0, Martinez 1-2, Pinchuk 1-2) defeated Northern Ohio (Pinter 2-1, Musichuk 1-2, Fried 1-2), 5-4.

(2) Fencers Club 2 v. 1 d., 16 bouts won. Fencers Club (Cohen 3-0, Goldsmith 1-2, Vebell 1-2) defeated Michigan (Berry 2-1, Martinez 1-2, Calkins 1-2), 5-4; **Fencers Club** (Vebell 3-0, Cohen 2-1, Goldsmith 2-1) defeated Salle Csiszar (R. Jones 1-2, Anastasi 1-2, F. Jones 0-3), 7-2.

(3) Northern Ohio Composite, 2 v., 1 d., 14 bouts won. Northern Ohio (Musichuk 2-1, Fried 2-1, Pinter 1-2) defeated Fencers Club (Vebell 2-1, Cohen 2-1, Goldsmith 1-2), 5-4; **Northern Ohio** (Musichuk 2-1, Fried 2-1, Pinter 1-2) defeated Csiszar (Anastasi 2-1, R. Jones 2-1, F. Jones 0-3), 5-4.

(4) Salle Csiszar lost three matches.

SABRE . . .

(11 teams)

Won by: Northern California Division (G. Domolky, D. Magay, T. Orley)

Second: Fencers Club (A. Cohen, J. de Capriles, M. de Capriles, H. Milletari)

Third: New York Athletic Club (J. Flynn, T. Nyilas, R. Ozol, L. Pongo)

A powerful trio of former Hungarian fencers now residing in San Francisco, trained by Hungarian Olympic Coach Piller, walked away with the national sabre team championship. Their closest match came in the final against the Fencers Club, when Abram Cohen squeezed out two 5-4 victories over Magay and Domolky. Orley was unbeaten in the entire competition.

With the Northern California Division's supremacy clearly evident from the beginning of the event, the real battle developed for the silver medals. Despite Nyilas' 3 victories, the Fencers Club clinched the runner-up spot in the first match of the final at 5-3, with Jose de Capriles, whose right thumbnail had been turned back in an earlier encounter, dropping the last bout to Ozol, substituted during the match for Dr. Flynn.

Among the teams that failed to make the final, the outstanding individual performances were those of Pallaghy, Salle Santelli, Orban, Los Angeles A.C., and Legeza, Woodland F.C.

SABRE TEAM SUMMARIES

Preliminaries

Pool 1. Salle Santelli and Northern California, 1 v. each, qualified. **Salle Santelli** (Pallaghy 3-0, MacLaughlin 1-2, Bickley 1-2) defeated Wisconsin Division (Tolan 2-1, Moore 2-1, Chitko, 0-3), 5-4. **Northern California** (Magay 3-0, Orley 3-0, Domolky 2-1) defeated Wisconsin (Moore 1-2, Chitko 0-3, Tolan 0-3), 8-1.

Pool 2. Fencers Club and Los Angeles A.C., 2 v. each, qualified. **Fencers Club** (Cohen 3-0, Milletari 3-0, J. de Capriles 2-1) defeated Letterman Army Hospital (L. Thompson 1-2, Brownlee 0-3, Tafaya 0-3), 8-1; **Fencers Club** (Cohen 3-0, M. de Capriles 2-0, Milletari 1-2) defeated Wauwatosa (Meyer 1-2, Holmes 1-2, Szekely 0-2), 6-2. **Los Angeles A.C.** (Orban 3-0, Rayser 2-1, Lamp 1-2) defeated Wauwatosa (Meyer 2-1, Szekely 1-2, Holmes 0-3). **Los Angeles A.C.** (Orban 2-0, Lamp 2-0, Kirschner 1-0) defeated Letterman A.H. (Tafaya 0-1, Brownlee 0-2, O'Brien 0-2), 5-0.

Pool 3. New York A.C. and Woodland F.C., 2 v. each, qualified. **New York A.C.** (Nyilas 3-0, Pongo 2-1, Flynn 2-1) defeated Minnesota (Dahl 1-2,

DeFoe 1-2, Messmer 0-3), 7-2; **New York A.C.** (Nyilas 3-0, Pongo 1-1, Flynn 1-1) defeated Illinois (Ahlgren 1-1, Shapiro 1-2, Silverman 0-2), 5-2. **Woodland F.C.** (Legeza 3-0, Hehs 1-2, James 0-3) defeated Illinois (Ahlgren 2-1, Shapiro 1-2, Silverman 1-2), 5-4; **Woodland F.C.** (Styler 2-0, James 2-0, Legeza 1-0) defeated Minnesota (DeFoe 0-1, Dahl 0-2, Messmer 0-2), 5-0.

Semi-Finals (Direct Elimination)

(A) Northern California Composite (Magay 2-0, Orley 2-0, Domolky 1-1) defeated Salle Santelli (MacLaughlin 1-1, Pallaghy 0-2, Bickley 0-2), 5-1.

(B) Fencers Club (J. de Capriles 2-0, M. de Capriles 1-0, Cohen 1-1) defeated Los Angeles A.C. (Lamp 1-1, Kirschner 0-2, Orban), 5-1.

(C) New York A.C. (Nyilas 3-0, Pongo 1-1, Flynn 1-1) defeated Woodland F.C. (Legeza 2-1, James 0-2, Styler 0-2), 5-2.

Finals

(1) Northern California Composite, 2 v. No. Calif. (Orley 3-0, Domolky 1-1, Magay 1-1) defeated Fencers Club (Cohen 2-1, J. de Capriles 0-2, Milletari 0-2), 5-2; **No. Calif.** (Domolky 2-0, Magay 2-0, Orley 1-0) defeated New York A.C. (Nyilas 0-2, Pongo 0-2, Ozol 0-1), 5-0.

(2) Fencers Club, 1 v. Fencers Club (Cohen 2-1, Milletari 2-1, J. de Capriles 1-2) defeated New York A.C. (Nyilas 3-0, Pongo 3-0, Ozol, sub for Flynn, 1-1, Flynn 0-1) 5-4.

(3) New York A.C. lost two matches.

FOIL . . .

(15 teams)

Won by: Fencers Club (D. Bukantz, H. Goldsmith, N. Lubell, A. Seeman)

Second: New York Athletic Club (D. Every, S. Giolito, R. Ozol)

Third: Wisconsin Division (M. Gilman, C. Joel, W. Meyer, E. Zeisig)

With its veteran trio of Olympic left-handers (Bukantz, Goldsmith, Lubell), the Fencers Club of New York had no difficulty in retraining the national foil team championship. The score of the decisive match with the N.Y.A.C. (5-4) is somewhat deceptive, inasmuch as the issue had been settled before the last two bouts were fenced. Nevertheless, the N.Y.A.C. former Olympic left-handers (50-year-old Every and Giolito) gave a fine account of themselves, and the rest of the field was outclassed by the two top teams.

A well balanced Wisconsin Division team earned the bronze medals by defeating Mexico in the sudden-death semi-finals, despite the efforts of Conrado Schlaepfer, Swiss fencer now residing in Mexico. Schlaepfer's classical Italian style was both spectacular and highly efficient, and his bouts invariably drew an enthusiastic and appreciative audience. In the closest semi-final, a good team from the Los Angeles A.C., headed by the veteran Joseph Lampl, carried the N.Y.A.C. to 5-4.

THREE WEAPON . . .

(11 teams)

Won by: Michigan Division (B. Krieger, foil; R. Berry, epee; W. Goering, sabre)

Second: Mexico (C. Schlaepfer, foil; A. Roldan, epee; W. Fajardo, sabre)

Third: Fencers Club (H. Goldsmith, foil; J. de Capriles, epee; H. Milletari, sabre)

The Michigan Division completed its most successful campaign in the history of the national championships by capturing the George C. Calnan Memorial Trophy, emblematic of the three-weapon team crown. In a field where the competing teams were strongest in foil and epee, Byron Krieger and Dick Berry on several occasions found that their efforts were insufficient to clinch the victory. Against their two strongest rivals, the buds fell upon young Bill Goering, who came through with flying colors, scoring 5-1 in both bouts.

The gallant Mexican team got off to a fine start in each of its three final matches, as Conrado Schlaepfer dominated the opposition in foil. A clean sweep against the Fencers Club placed the Mexicans in a position to win the gold medals if the Fencers Club in turn defeated the Michigan Division in the final match, but Goering's victory over Milletari frustrated this possibility. Mexico and the Fencers Club had qualified on a count of touches in the semi-final over the Faulkner Composite team, as the three teams beat one another by 2-1 bout scores. The only undefeated fencer in the entire competition was Czabo Pallaghy, Salle Santelli sabreman.

THREE WEAPON TEAM SUMMARIES Preliminaries

Pool 1. Faulkner Composite and Fencers Club qualified. **Faulkner** defeated Wisconsin, 2-1 (F: Zeisig, W, d. Duncan, 5-3; E: Sakovitz, F, d.

FOIL TEAM SUMMARIES Preliminaries

Pool 1. Faulkner Composite and Fencers Club, 1 v. each, qualified. **Faulkner** (Sakovitz 3-0, Duncan 2-1, Crawford 2-1) defeated Western New York (Plouffe 2-1, Jacobs, 0-3, default 0-3), 7-2; **Fencers Club** (Bukantz 3-0, Lubell 3-0, Seeman 2-1) defeated Western New York (Plouffe 1-2, Jacobs 0-3, default 0-3), 8-1.

Pool 2. Maryland Division and New York A.C., 1 v. each, qualified. **Maryland** (Doughty 2-1, Schlick 2-1, Mooney 1-2) defeated Letterman Army Hospital (O'Brien 2-1, Tafaya 1-2, Brownlee 1-2), 5-4; **New York A.C.** (Giolito 2-0, Ozol 2-0, Every 1-0) defeated Letterman A.H. (Brownlee 0-2, O'Brien 0-2, Tafaya 0-1), 5-0.

Pool 3. Mexico and Northern Ohio Composite, 1 v. each, qualified. **Mexico** (Roldan 3-0, Schlaepfer 3-0, Fajardo 2-1) defeated Racine FC (Chitko 1-2, Johnson 0-3, Boffin 0-3), 8-1; **Northern Ohio Comp.** (Styler 2-0, James 2-0, Fried 1-0) defeated Racine (Boffin 0-2, Chitko 0-2, Johnson 0-1), 5-0.

Pool 4. Salle Santelli and Wisconsin Div., 1 v. each, qualified. **Santelli** (Reyes 3-0, Prostick 2-1, Broderick 2-1) defeated New England Division (Boyce 1-2, Johnson 1-2, Trebilcock 0-3), 7-2; **Wisconsin** (Zeisig 2-0, Joel 2-0, Meyer 1-0) defeated New England (Boyce 0-1, Trebilcock 0-2, Johnson 0-2), 5-0.

Pool 5. Univ. of Chicago F.C. and Los Angeles A.C., 1 v. each, qualified. **U. of Chicago F.C.** (Thompson 3-0, Fain 2-1, Frank 2-1) defeated Wauwatosa (Lukasewski 1-2, Sampson 1-2, Winters 0-3), 7-2; **Los Angeles A.C.** (DeJong 2-0, Lampl 2-0, Kirschner 1-0) defeated Wauwatosa (Lukasewski 0-1, Winters 0-2, Sampson 0-2), 5-0.

Logan 5-2; S: Crawford, F, d. Meyer 5-2); **Fencers Club** defeated Wisconsin 2-1 (F: Goldsmith, FC, d. Zeisig 5-0; E: J. de Capriles, FC, d. Logan, 5-3; S: Meyer, W, d. Milletari, 5-0).

Pool 2. Los Angeles A.C. and Michigan Division qualified. **Los Angeles A.C.** defeated U. of Chicago FC, 3-0 (F: Lampl, LA, d. Fishman 5-4; E: Linkmeyer d. Winter, 5-4; S: Rayser d. Corbett 5-1; Los Angeles A.C. defeated Armed Forces Comp. 2-0 (F: Lampl d. Byrom 5-0; E: Linkmeyer d. Mooney 5-2; sabre bout unfenced). **Michigan Div.** defeated Armed Forces 2-1 (F: Krieger, M, d. Byrom 5-2; E: Berry, M, d. Mooney 5-3; S: O'Brien, AF, d. Goering 5-4); Michigan defeated U. of Chicago FC 3-0 (F: Krieger d. Fishman 5-2; E: Berry d. Winter 5-1; S: Goering d. Corbett 5-3).

Pool 3. Salle Santelli and Mexico qualified. **Santelli** defeated New England Div., 3-0 (F: Prostick d. Trebilcock 5-3; E: MacLaughlin d. Johnson 5-4; S: Pallaghy d. Tolan 5-3); Santelli defeated Letterman A.H. 3-0 (F: Prostick d. Tafaya 5-3; E: MacLaughlin d. L. Thompson 5-4; S: Pallaghy d. Brownlee 5-4). **Mexico** defeated Letterman A.H. 3-0 (F: Schlaepfer d. Tafaya 5-1; E: Roldan d. L. Thompson 5-1; S: Fajardo d. Brownlee 5-4); Mexico defeated New England 2-1 (F: Schlaepfer d. Trebilcock 5-1; E: Roldan d. Johnson 5-4; S: Tolan, NE, d. Fajardo 5-4).

Semi-Finals

Pool 1. Salle Santelli and Michigan qualified. **Santelli** defeated L.A.A.C. 2-1 (F: Lampl, LA, d. Prostick 5-0; E: Spector, S, d. Linkmeyer, 5-3; S: Pallaghy, S, d. Rayser, 5-1); **Michigan** defeated L.A.A.C. 3-0 (F: Krieger d. Lampl 5-3; E: Berry d. Linkmeyer, 5-5; S: Goering d. Rayser 5-4).

Pool II. Fencers Club, 1 v., 1 d., 3 bouts, 17 t., and Mexico, 1 v., 1 d., 3 bouts, 25 t., qualified over Faulkner Comp., 1 v., 1 d., 3 bouts, 25 t. **Mexico** defeated Faulkner Comp. 2-1 (F: Duncan, F, d. Schlaepfer 5-4; E: Roldan, M, d. Sakovitz, 5-2; S: Fajardo, M, d. Crawford, 5-4); **Faulkner** defeated Fencers Club 2-1 (F: Goldsmith, FC, d. Duncan, 5-0; E: Sakovitz, F, d. J. de Capriles 5-2; S: Crawford d. Milletari 5-4); **Fencers Club** defeated Mexico 2-1 (F: Goldsmith, FC, d. Schlaepfer

Quarter Finals (Direct Elimination)

Byes: Fencers Club, New York Athletic Club.

(I) Mexico (Schlaepfer 3-0, Fajardo 2-1, Roldan 0-3) defeated Faulkner Composite (Duncan 2-1, Sakovitz 1-2, Crawford 1-2), 5-4.

(II) Wisconsin (Joel 2-0, Gilman 2-0, Zeisig 1-1) defeated Maryland (Doughty 1-1, Schlick 0-2, Mooney 0-2), 5-1.

(III) Los Angeles A.C. (Lampl 3-0, Kirschner 2-1, DeJong 0-3) defeated Northern Ohio (Styler 2-1, James 1-2, Fried 1-2), 5-4.

(IV) Univ. of Chicago FC (Frank 2-1, Thompson 2-1, Fain 1-2) defeated Santelli (Prostick 3-0, Reyes 1-2, Broderick 0-3), 5-4.

Semi-Finals (Direct Elimination)

(A) Fencers Club (Goldsmith 2-0, Lubell 2-0, Bukantz 1-0) defeated University of Chicago FC (Thompson 0-1, Frank 0-2, Fain 0-2), 5-0.

(B) New York A.C. (Giolito 3-0, Every 2-1, Ozol 0-3) defeated Los Angeles A.C. (Lampl 2-1, Kirschner 1-2, De Jong 1-2), 5-4.

(C) Wisconsin (Joel 2-0, Gilman 2-1, Zeisig 1-1) defeated Mexico (Schlaepfer 2-0, Roldan 0-2, Fajardo 0-3), 5-2.

Finals

(1) Fencers Club, 2 v.

Fencers Club (Bukantz 2-1, Goldsmith 2-1, Lubell 1-2) defeated New York A.C. (Every 2-1, Ozol 1-2, Giolito 1-2), 5-4; Fencers Club (Goldsmith 2-0, Bukantz 2-0, Lubell 1-0) defeated Wisconsin (Zeisig 0-1, Gilman 0-2, Meyer 0-2), 5-0.

(2) New York A. C., 1 v.

New York A.C. (Every 3-0, Giolito 3-0, Ozol 2-1) defeated Wisconsin (Zeisig 1-2, Joel 0-3, Gilman 0-3), 8-1.

(3) Wisconsin lost two matches.

5-1; E: Roldan, M, d. J. de Capriles 5-2; S: Milletari, FC, d. Fajardo 5-1).

Finals

(1) Michigan Division, 3 v. Michigan defeated Mexico 2-1 (F: Schlaepfer, Mex., d. Krieger 5-4; E: Berry, Mich., d. Roldan 5-2; S: Goering, Mich., d. Fajardo, 5-1); Michigan defeated Salle Santelli 2-1 (F: Krieger, M, d. Prostick 5-2; E: Berry d. Spector 5-3; S: Pallaghy d. Goering 5-4); Michigan defeated Fencers Club 2-1 (F: Krieger, M, d. Goldsmith 5-4; E: J. de Capriles, FC, d. Berry 5-4; Goering, M, d. Milletari 5-1).

(2) Mexico, 2 v. Mexico defeated Fencers Club 3-0 (F: Schlaepfer d. Goldsmith 5-3; E: Roldan d. Capriles 5-5; S: Fajardo d. Milletari 5-1); Mexico defeated Salle Santelli 2-1 (F: Schlaepfer d. Prostick 5-4; E: Roldan d. Spector 5-1; S: Pallaghy, S, d. Fajardo 5-3).

(3) Fencers Club, 1 v. Fencers Club defeated Salle Santelli 2-1 (F: Goldsmith d. Prostick 5-1; E: de Capriles d. Spector 5-4; S: Pallaghy, SS, d. Milletari, 5-3).

(4) Salle Santelli lost three matches.

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WOMEN'S . . .

(10 teams)

Won by: Southern California Composite (J. Romary, M. Mitchell, I. Hoblit)

Second: Faulkner School of Fencing (Domolky, Gerakin, Merwin, Miyamoto)

Third: Salle Lucia (Genton, King, Schwabe)

The Southern California Composite team, who last year had made history by winning the women's team title with only two members, retained its crown, thanks to the addition of a strong third member, Mrs. Iris Hoblit, who scored two victories in three bouts against the formidable challengers from the Faulkner School of Fencing. In the decisive match, former world champion Lidia Domolky defeated Mrs. Romary, but fell victim to both Mrs. Hoblit and Mrs. Mitchell (fencing left-handed), and this was the margin of victory for the defending champions.

The two top teams completely outclassed the rest of the field. In the match for third place, Salle Lucia of New York squeezed out a 5-4 victory over a fine Mexican team composed of the young Roldan sisters (17 and 13 years old respectively) and Miss Orozco, which had gained the finals by a 5-4 margin over the strong team from the Salle Santelli.

WOMEN'S TEAM SUMMARIES Preliminaries

Byes: Southern California Composite, Faulkner S. F.

Pool 1. Salle Santelli, 2 v., 1 d., 20 bouts won, and Illinois Division, 2 v., 1 d., 17 bouts won, qualified; Wisconsin, 2 v., 1 d., 16 bouts won, eliminated. **Salle Santelli** (Greenwald 3-0, Drungis 3-0, Maviglia 3-0) defeated Racine FC (Chitko, Schmidt, Kozenski) 9-0; Santelli (Santelli 2-1, Drungis 3-0, Greenwald 2-1) defeated Wisconsin (Hille 1-2, Bond 1-2, McClellan 0-3), 7-2. **Illinois** (Thompson 3-0, Ghimessy 3-0, Eltgroth 3-0) defeated Racine (Chitko, Schmidt, Kozenski) 9-0; Illinois (Thompson 2-1, Ghimessy 2-1, Eltgroth 1-2) defeated Salle Santelli (Santelli 2-1, Greenwald 1-2, Maviglia 1-2), 5-4. **Wisconsin Composite** (McClellan 3-0, Hille 2-1, Bond 1-2) defeated Illinois (Thompson 2-1, Ghimessy 1-2, Eltgroth 0-3), 6-3; Wisconsin (Hille 3-0, Bond 3-0, McClellan 2-1) defeated Racine (Schmidt 1-2, Chitko 0-3, Kozenski 0-3), 8-1.

Pool 2. Mexico and Salle Lucia, 2 v. each, qualified. **Mexico** (Orozco 3-0, L. Roldan 3-0, P. Roldan 3-0) defeated Minnesota (Lasley, Campbell, Jungquist), 9-0; Mexico (Orozco 3-0, L. Roldan 3-0, P. Roldan 3-0) defeated Wauwatosa (Horwath, Liering, Carlin), 9-0. **Salle Lucia** (Schwabe 3-0, Genton 3-0, King 3-0) defeated Wauwatosa (Horwath, Liering, Carlin), 9-0; Lucia (Schwabe 3-0, Genton 3-0, King 3-0) defeated Minnesota (Lasley, Campbell, Jungquist), 9-0.

Semi-Finals

Pool 1. Salle Lucia and Southern California Comp., 2 v. each, qualified. **Salle Lucia** (Schwabe 2-1, King 2-1, Genton 1-2) defeated Illinois (Ghimessy, 2-1, Thompson 2-1, Eltgroth 0-3), 5-4; Southern California (Hoblit 2-0, Romary 2-0, Mitchell 1-1) defeated Illinois (Ghimessy 1-1, Thompson 0-2, Eltgroth 0-2), 5-1.

Pool II. Mexico and Faulkner S.F., 2 v. each, qualified. **Mexico** (L. Roldan 2-1, P. Roldan 2-1, Orozco 1-2) defeated Salle Santelli (Drungis 3-0, Greenwald 1-2, Santelli 0-3), 5-4; **Faulkner S.F.** (Gerakin 2-0, Merwin, 2-0, Domolky 2-1) defeated Santelli (Drungis 1-1, Greenwald 0-2, Santelli 0-3), 6-1.

Finals

(1) Southern California Composite, 3 v.

Southern California (Romary 2-1, Hoblit 2-1, Mitchell 1-2) defeated Faulkner S.F. (Miyamoto 2-1, Domolky 1-2, Gerakin 1-2), 5-4; Southern California (Mitchell 3-0, Romary 2-1, Hoblit 2-1) defeated Mexico (L. Roldan 1-2, P. Roldan 1-2, Orozco 0-3), 7-2; Southern California (Hoblit 3-0, Romary 3-0, Mitchell 2-1) defeated Salle Lucia (King 1-2, Schwabe 0-3, Genton 0-3), 8-1.

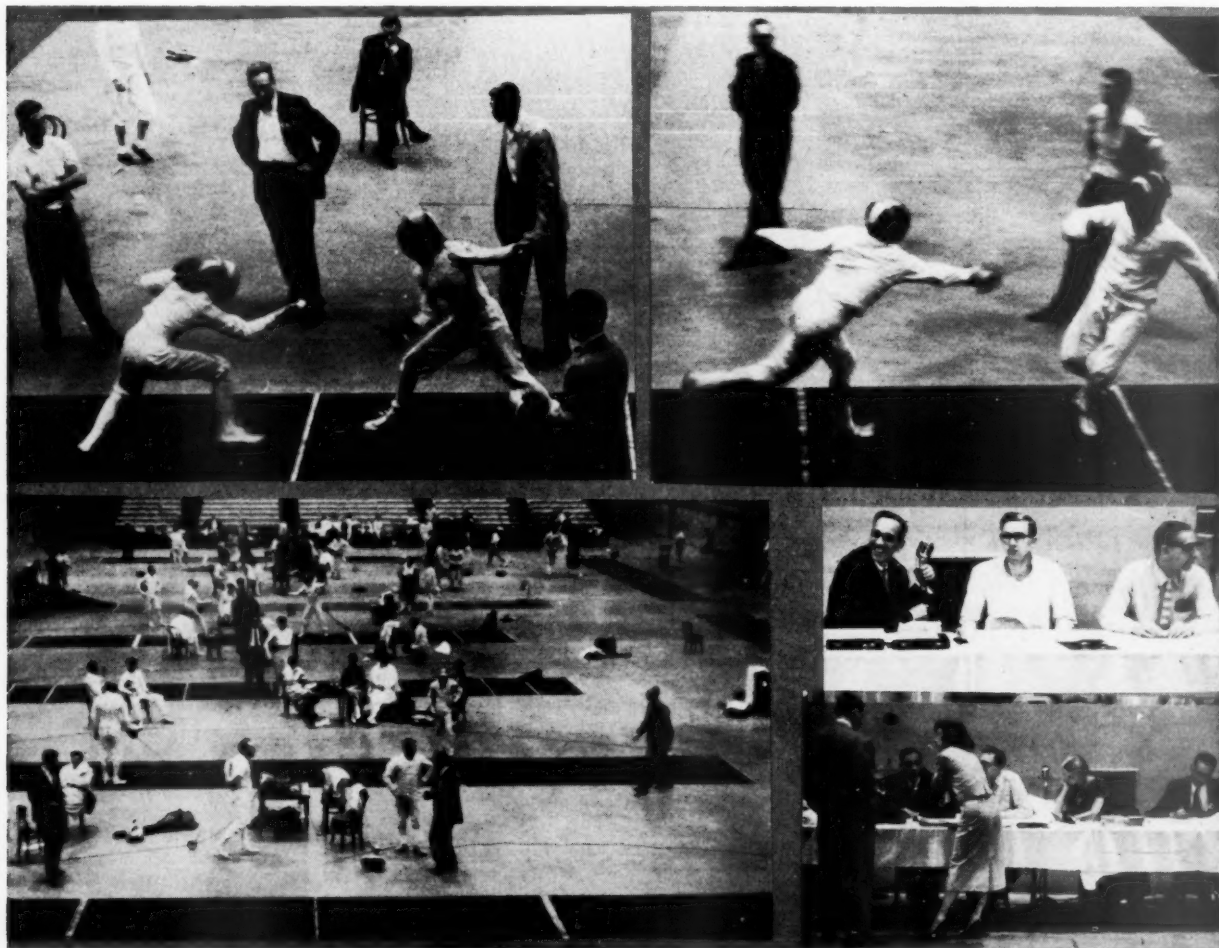
(2) Faulkner School of Fencing, 2 v., 1 d.

Faulkner (Domolky 3-0, Merwin 2-1, Miyamoto 2-1) defeated Salle Lucia (King 1-2, Genton 1-2, Schwabe 0-3), 7-2; Faulkner (Domolky 3-0, Gerakin 2-1, Merwin 1-1) defeated Mexico (P. Roldan 1-1, L. Roldan 1-2, Orozco 0-3), 6-2.

(3) Salle Lucia, 1 v., 2d.

Salle Lucia (Schwabe 2-1, King 2-1, Genton 1-2) defeated Mexico (P. Roldan 3-0, L. Roldan 1-2, Orozco 0-3), 5-4.

(4) Mexico lost three matches.



Top: Roldan vs. Dyer; Pongo vs. Spector. Bottom: Arena; Bout Committee scenes (Chairman Don Thompson flanked by outgoing and incoming Presidents) (Ed Zeisig and Mary Jane Schmidt confer while Louise Dyer and Mike de Capriles look busy).

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DISTANCE OR DISASTER

By Arthur W. Lane

Any fair instructor can tell you what second intention is, and many take their students through the mechanics of it when teaching. Nevertheless, it is one of those things like timing; you really have to learn it yourself if you want to bring it to the level of real use. Two things are absolutely basic to second intention, and another is quite crucial. Before going into them, however, I should get down to the beginner's level of definitions for a moment of ground work.

First intention is the intent to hit with your initial offensive action of the moment, be it any attack, riposte, or stop thrust. **Second intention** is the intent to hit with your second offensive action. It follows that there are higher intentions just as in chess. It doesn't go quite that far though, for your opponent will not allow peace enough for planning to the occasional extremes of chess. If you can lead a phrase to fourth intention consistently you should already have been national champion in the weapon of your choice at least three times. There is also **continuity**. This is merely the continuance of action throughout a phrase without previous planning beyond the first offensive move. It often looks like, and behaves the same as, second or higher intentions, but is only a moment to moment level of first intention planning. It can even be blind. **Opportunism** is an extremely high level of first intention and some instructors make the mistake of teaching it too early. Essentially it consists of starting an offensive movement without previous plan or even analysis, and working through the defense as it develops. Inasmuch as opportunism depends on an opponent's reaction before deception, it automatically makes the final of the attack arrive somewhat later than it might have, had it been planned on the basis of previous analysis or been the result of continuity, thus compounding the difficulty of successful execution the longer it is carried. If you can consistently hit opponents of your own classification in this manner you will not long remain a nobody in that class. Opportunism is sometimes called "hitting on eight."

Basic to all actions in higher intentions are analysis and technique. You must acquire sufficient observational ability to note what offensive actions of yours provoke what parries and which ripostes from your opponent. This is not merely a function of experience, but of concentration and will power. I have known fencers to compete for years without ever seeing repetitious pattern and habitual reaction in their own and their opponent's movements. The eyes of the mind must be willed to open. This is **analysis**.

Technique, as it is used here (it sometimes has a "school" connotation), is simply the mechanics of movement. It must be good. It must be good enough to provoke that particular parry the habitual riposte of which you have observed and planned to meet and turn to your advantage before you ever started to move. In other words, your false attack or riposte has to be good enough to convince your opponent that he must use the parry you want him to use, and also that riposte you are planning for. He must find your blade where he expects to find it, and not out of line or already anticipating his riposte. Mechanically, this is where most

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false actions fail. The victim senses a trap and reacts differently than expected. Assuming the trap is well set, the technique must continue to be good enough to parry the expected riposte and plant your hit.

Now, before ever the trap is set, baited, or sprung, a crucial factor must be considered. This is **distance**. Even with good analysis and technique you can pin yourself on your opponent's counter-action, which you have deliberately provoked and planned to use against him, if you fail in your control of distance. (My own amateur years were filled with disappointments because of this factor; and it was not until shortly before I turned professional that I achieved any real control of it. Some people learn hard, so I pass the lesson on.) The momentum of your false offensive action must have a degree of acceleration in it that will serve as a convincer, but your target must also **halt a moment** some tantalizing fractions of a centimeter short of your opponent's point as you parry. Any continued forward motion of your target at the time you are parrying your opponent's riposte will have the effect of speeding him up and planting a mark in the wrong place on the score sheet. Bless you for trying.

This momentary halt is the meat and purpose of this article. All preceding is mere introduction. It is the key to distance control, and you can practice it without a partner. Indeed you should begin that way. Here's how to start. Execute an all-out lunge at a wall target from a comfortable distance. Hit it and recover. Now do the same lunge, but without leaning, and land **short**. How short? Within a millimeter if possible, but still short. Then, still in lunge, simulate a parry and lean enough with the riposte to arch the blade nicely or tap with the edge if the weapon is sabre. Simulate various actions with the false attack, but remember **distance** is the most vital thing in this dumb practice and you must vary your starting point an inch or two from time to time. Lunging this way is fatiguing and you will soon discover that the buttock muscles can save an overloaded forward knee much pain, provided they are tightened early in the lunge. Put some extra tape on your weapon and practice in front of a mirror occasionally to keep your false attack convincing.

After three or four weeks of this—ten minutes two to four times per week with great concentration—start using more variety in footwork. Advance or retreat before the lunge, ballestra, etc., all short a tiny bit. A post is a good target if you use a fleche.

But be consistent too—stick with one thing at a time. Frequently practice only the first half of the full phrase of second intention, the false attack and momentary halt for parrying. Check continually for exact distance control and be alert for bad habits that may build up to a "telegraphing" level.

This type of practice is outright drudgery, and boring too. However, it has one great advantage over a partner. The initial distance, your rear foot's starting point, is absolutely under your control. It doesn't change a single millimeter without your initiative. The human eye's greatest weakness is in distance measurement, especially when that distance is shifting from moment to moment. The eye needs more training than is easily believable, and hard work on a still target greatly shortens equivalent or later training on a moving one.

With all this one-sided concentration your attacks in first intention may suffer for a while; but your false attacks, though trained to land short, will often hit in action if not parried, nervous drive being what it is. However, the extra gain of distance will not be decisively against you when the planned-for-riposte flashes out.

The concept of second intention is simple, but the mental approach is not enough. You have to work, work, and work. And the score sheet will look bad for a while. Long before your distance is fully under control you will be "setting up" most of your opponents for your ability in analysis and technique should move ahead more rapidly. Don't stop working on the crucial distance factor though, for it is always decisive when there is no other excuse for failure. In the setting of a trap you must "To thine own self be true. Thou canst not then be false to any man." (W.S.)

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The 1957 Amendments To The F.I.E. Rules

By Miguel A. de Capriles

I regret to report to the members of the A.F.L.A. that our brand new rules book is already out of date in some respects due to the fact that a number of amendments to the F.I.E. rules were approved by the F.I.E. Congress on May 10, 1957. Although the official text has not been received, I am indebted to Mr. Charles-Louis de Beaumont for his detailed report of the action taken. The F.I.E. changes will be submitted to the Board of Governors in September for decision as to whether they will be formally incorporated in the rules governing A.F.L.A. events.

Amendments to Numbered Articles

Art. 80 (addition). The time keeper shall be provided with a very audible device to enable him to inform the President of the expiration of time.

Art. 129 (new text for rule repealed in 1956). If a hit directed toward the target is parried but lands, as a result of the parry, off the target, such hit stops the phrase and all subsequent actions will be annulled unless the President considers that the hit which lands off the target is a remise.

Art. 153 (addition). In official F.I.E. competitions, the apparatus will be provided with current from accumulators (storage batteries) and shall have no connection to the electrical mains.

Art. 168 (addition). In official F.I.E. events, this pressure must be verified each bout and whenever a weapon is changed.

Art. 250 (new text for rule repealed in 1956). If a hit directed toward the target is parried but lands, as a result of the parry, off the target, such hit stops the phrase and all subsequent actions will be annulled unless the President considers that the hit which lands off the target is a remise.

Art. 271 (revision). For the World Championships and other official events, the members of the Bout Committee are appointed by the Central Office of the F.I.E. by agreement with the federation that organizes the event. The same procedure is applicable to the Olympic Games but, in this case, the Central Office of the F.I.E. must reach agreement with the Organizing Committee for the fencing events appointed by the Olympic Committee of the nation that organizes the Games.

Special Rules for the Electrical Foil

I (A) 2. (a)—Addition: When the exterior resistance, i.e., outside the central apparatus is equal to or less than 10 Ohms, the apparatus must register on a break of contact of 1/200 of a second. The registration apparatus must insure a valid hit even if the outside circuit shows a resistance of 100 Ohms.

I (A) 3.—Addition at end: And the first lamp on onside must be spaced at least 0.50 m. (20") from the first lamp on the other side.

II (B) 8.—Addition: In official F.I.E. events this pressure must be verified before each bout and whenever a weapon is changed.

II (B) 13.—Revision: The diameter of the *pointe d'arret* shall be between 5.5 and 7 mm. The diameter of the body of the button, including insulation, must not be smaller than that of the *pointe d'arret* by more than 0.3 mm.

II (D) 20. (b)—Addition: The metallic cloth must contain sufficient metallic threads woven each way to allow a hit to be registered as valid even if previous hits have torn some threads in the cloth.

II (D) 21.—Addition:—that the metallic vest shall in no case contain holes or oxidated spots that may prevent a valid hit from being registered as such.

Comments by Mr. de Beaumont

The amendment to Art. 80 is designed to prevent a delay between the expiration of time for a bout and the order by the President stopping the bout. (**U.S. note:** In the United States, the problem is solved by the provisions of U.S. 82 and Art. 625, with respect to the expiration of the time limit. There is still a problem as to the best way for the time-keeper to advise the President with respect to the 2 minute and 1 minute warnings, and as to whether each of the last two minutes must be clocked only from the time the President pronounces the appropriate warnings.)

The amendments to Art. 129 and Art. 250 are designed to insure that the rules governing hits off the target are correctly interpreted. (**U.S. note:** At first blush, it seems that the interpretation in U.S. 129 and 250 is better; off-target hits "after" the parry should not annul the direct riposte under any circumstances; the term "as a result of the parry" is ambiguous.)

The amendment to Art. 153 is applicable to both epee and foil (since 153 is incorporated into the Special Rules for Electrical Foil). This is a safety measure designed to prevent possible accidents when the apparatus is fed from mains, even with transformers.

The amendment to Art. 168 (which is also incorporated into the Electrical Foil rules) means that, both in epee and foil, the President in F.I.E. events is required to test the spring of the point with a weight before each bout.

The amendment to Art. 271 carries out the decision taken at the 1956 Congress revising the method of appointing Bout Committees for the Olympic Games.

The amendments to I (A) 2 (a) change the previous rule requiring the apparatus to register a foil touch when the break of contact was 1/100 of a second. This has been found insufficient because of the rapid break of contact when hits are made with this weapon.

The addition to I (A) 2 (h) is due to the fact that the two-second interval has heretofore been required to make the tests before each bout.

No special comment is required for I (A) 3 and II (B) 8.

The revision of II (B) 13 in effect increases the minimum diameter of the *pointe d'arret* in foil from 5 mm. to 5.5 mm. However, in order to keep the weight of the button down, the insulation surrounding the body may be included in measuring its diameter, which thus may be not less than 5.2 mm.

The additions to the rules governing the metallic vest are self-explanatory.

Other Matters Concerning Electrical Equipment

The F.I.E. Commission on the Electrical Apparatus and the 1957 Congress also con-

sidered a number of other matters which did not result in rule changes, but nevertheless should be carefully noted.

First, on the question of possible accidents caused by the hemispheric *pointe d'arret* acting as a gauge and separating the wires of the mesh of the mask, the opinion of the Commission was that the accidents were due more to weak or rusted masks than to the *pointe*. The diameter of the foil *pointe* has been increased by 1/2 mm., but the recommendation of the Commission is that the Organizing Committee or other body in authority take special pains to select weak or rusted masks in competition. The Commission also has noted that rustless steel masks are now available, although somewhat more expensive.

Second, the proposal made at the Melbourne Congress for the adoption of a smooth foil point (as a safety measure) has been rejected because it is liable to make a poor contact with the metallic vest, and the high resistance may prevent a hit from being registered.

Third, it is important to adhere strictly to the present rules fixing a maximum recession of the *pointe d'arret* at 1 mm. in foil and 1/2 mm. in epee. Otherwise there is a possibility of hits being registered when the point leaves the opponent's guard.

Fourth, a French proposal to add two judges to assist the President in deciding the validity of foil hits was rejected by the Congress on the ground that this would reintroduce the human factor and destroy much of the advantage of the apparatus. It was decided, however, to call the attention of Presidents to the necessity of applying the rules strictly with respect to the stopping of the bout when the fencing becomes confused, even if no hit is registered (Art. 64 and paragraph 26 of the Special Electrical Foil Rules); and with respect to the covering or substitution of the target (Art. 126).

Finally, there has been considerable concern with the fact that the length of recent international foil competitions has been excessive. There have been proposals for the holding of a preliminary round of foil teams (from which seeded teams would be exempted) on an extra half day, and to reduce the finals of individual events when necessary to six. These recommendations have been referred to the 1958 Congress.

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- (1) The New Rules Book. Analysis and Discussion. Miguel de Capriles, Chairman AFLA Rules Committee.
- (2) The 1956 Olympic Games. Films, technical report and analysis. Lajos Csiszar, Coach-Trainer, and Jose de Capriles, Captain, 1956 U.S. Olympic Fencing Team.
- (3) Teaching Fencing Techniques. Julio M. Castello.
- (4) Secret of Hungarian Sabre Fencing. Julius Alpar.
- (5) The Evolution of Footwork. George Santelli.
- (6) Study and Comparison of Various Schools of Fencing. Edward Lucia.
- (7) Establishing Standards for the Coaching of Foil. Irving De Koff.

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All interested AFLA members, amateur and professional, are cordially invited. For further details communicate with Hugo M. Castello, 30 East 10 Street, N.Y. 3—GR. 7-5790.

COMPETITIONS

HAMORI WINS SANTELLI MEMORIAL

Jeno Hamori, member of Hungary's 1956 Olympic Championship Team and now living in Philadelphia, won the annual Santelli Memorial sabre competition.

Fourteen entries, including two from Canada, were reduced to an excellent final of eight. The winner had a clear margin (6/1). A four-way tie for second placed Kwartler, Worth, Cohen and Pallaghy in that order on touches. Sobel, Pongo and Blum followed. Hamori's only loss was to Kwartler.

Finals: Hamori, Phila., 6/1; Kwartler, Santelli, 4/3 (23 vs); Worth, Santelli, 4/3 (24 vs, 28 for); Cohen, F.C., 4/3 (24 vs, 26 for); Pallaghy, Santelli, 4/3 (30 vs); Sobel, Santelli, 3/4; Pongo, NYAC, 2/5; Blum, Santelli, 1/6.

Oregon

By William Kennard

The feature of the novice competitions of February 25 was the performance of 9-year-old Roberta McDougall, who won six of her eight bouts. The results:

Women's Novice, Reed College: (1) Susan White, Reed College; (2) Roberta McDougall, Nottingham's; (3) Clara Uelitschi, Clark Jr. Coll.

Foil Novice: (1) Ted Lopuszynski, Clark Jr. Coll.; (2) Brian Young, Reed College; (3) William Kennard, Nottingham's.

MIDWEST SECTIONALS

Paul E. Dahl reports an error in the original computation of team scores. The revised tally gives third place to Minnesota with 36 points and fourth place to Northern Ohio with 35 points.

New Jersey

By Catherine Kopp

Following are the results of the last divisional meets of the 1956-57 season:

Women's Open, 5/25/57, 16 entries: (1) Bess Feig, Salle Santelli, 6-2, 2-0 on fence-off; (2) Harriet King Salle Lucia, 6-2, 1-1 on f.o.; (3) Dolores Comerio, JCSTC, 6-2, 0-2 on f.o.

Outdoor Epee, 6/2/57: (1) Tom Bickley, Salle Santelli, 6-2, won fence-off; (2) Henry Barthel, unatt., 6-2; (3) Jim Margolis, Columbia, 5-3; (4) Ferehsbach, N.Y.A.C., 5-3; 5) Dollinger, FC, 4-4; (6) Gerica, Verona FC, 4-4.

After the outdoor epee event, the New Jersey division held open house at the Elmwood House in East Paterson. Fifty persons attended.

Kentucky

By Carl M. Burge

The men's and women's foil team competitions were held on May 19, with the following results:

Foil Team: 1) Louisville YMCA Fencers Club "A" (Hancock, A. Wolff, Thomas) defeated Louisville Y "B" 5-4, Fort Campbell 5-4, and Jewish Community Center 8-1. 2) Louisville Y "B" (Gehant, Burge, F. Wolff) defeated Fort Campbell 6-3 and J.C.C. 9-0. (3) Fort Campbell (Byrom, DiLorenzo, Ross) defeated J.C.C. 9-0.

Women's Team: (1) Lexington-Louisville Composite (Pat Sheely, Vicki Johnston, Mary Gehant) defeated Fort Campbell 5-4 and J.C.C. 9-0; (2) Fort Campbell (Slaton, Trout, Byrom) defeated J.C.C. 9-0.

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The schedule for this annual tournament, which is one of the most popular on the U.S. fencing calendar, is as follows:

Women's Foil, Saturday, Aug. 31, 1957, 11 a.m.

Men's Foil, Saturday, Aug. 31, 1957, 10 a.m.

Epee, Sunday, Sept. 1, 1957, 9 a.m.

Sabre, Monday, Sept. 2, 1957, 9 a.m.

The closing dates for entries is Aug. 19, 1957; entry fee \$3.00 per event. Entry forms should be sent to Province of Quebec Fencing Association, c/o Dave Silverstone, PO Box 83, Station G, Pine Avenue West, Montreal Quebec, Canada. The gala night is scheduled for Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Reservations for hotel, lodge or motel should be made well in advance. Write to Mrs. Heidi Jack, 4404 St. Catherine St., West, Montreal, Quebec, specifying date and time of arrival, or phone WE 4500.

N.C.A.A. RULES

The N.C.A.A. Rules Committee met under the chairmanship of Alvar Hermanson during the national championships, and also held a joint meeting with officers of the National Fencing Coaches Association. There was considerable concern with the neglect of elementary safety rules at college competitions, and a special notice will be sent to all member schools. The 1957 edition of the A.F.L.A. Fencing Rules was adopted as the official rules of the N.C.A.A. The N.C.A.A. five-minute time limit was retained, as was the method of scoring in the event of the withdrawal of a competitor. It was pointed out that the new A.F.L.A. rules for the 40-foot strip were developed by the N.C.A.A. However, the Rules Committee recommended that all future purchases of strips be aimed at 50-foot or longer strips.

DO YOU KNOW THEM?

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Grant Bertalet, Cost Mest, Calif.
Marvin Blank, Chicago, Ill.
Keith Buchanan, Chicago, Ill.
Jose Calvin, San Francisco, Calif.
Karl Cervik, Los Angeles, Calif.
Roger Clayton, Storrs, Conn.
Lloyd Cook, Pullman, Wash.
Louis Cotton, Genoa, Tex.
Louis Cotton, Houston, Tex.
Alfred Cox, Tucson, Ariz.
Patrick Crumhorn, Alexandria, La.
Mary Curl, Chicago, Ill.
Frank Dama, San Francisco, Calif.
John DeCesare, Torrence, Calif.
Mr. De Kervor, Detroit, Mich.
Irving DeKoff, Flushing, N.Y.

Ron Delismon, Urbana, Ill.
David Dobberman, Urbana, Ill.
Lee Droege, Van Nuys, Calif.
Charles Francis, Stanford, Calif.
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Robert Hodge, Stanford, Calif.
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David Kelly, Rochester, N.Y.
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Grace Makabe, Sacramento, Calif.
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